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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, CS  
SUBJECT: FIGUERES REMARKS ON CIA: MONGE DENIES ANY TIE-IN

REF: SAN JOSE 1676

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1. IN RESPONSE TO REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO JOSE FIGUERES THAT  
A MAGAZINE DIRECTED BY GOVERNMENT PARTY (PLN) PRESIDENTIAL  
CANDIDATE LUIS ALBERTO MONGE IN THE 60'S WAS CIA FINANCED,  
MONGE RELEASED STATEMENT APRIL 21 DENYING THE CHARGE. MONGE  
ALSO STATED

--THAT MAGAZINE IN QUESTION PUBLISHED FROM  
1958-62, WAS FUNDED BY INSTITUTE OF  
INTERNATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS OF NEW YORK.

--THAT GOVERNING BOARD OF INSTITUTE WAS COMPOSED  
OF WELL-KNOWN DEMOCRATIC FIGURES IN THE  
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U.S., AND WAS PRESIDED OVER BY VETERAN  
SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER NORMAN THOMAS.

--THAT A PREVIOUS SIMILAR CHARGE BY A  
COMMUNIST PUBLICATION ALLEGING THAT  
INSTITUTE HAD CIA LINKS WAS NEVER PROVED.

--THAT EDITORIAL LINE IN MAGAZINE WAS  
DEMOCRATIC, DEFENDED LEGITIMATE  
NATIONALIST INTERESTS "AGAINST ALL  
IMPERIALISMS AND FORMS OF OPPRESSION,"  
AND SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.

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2. COMMENT: IN DISCUSSING INCIDENT WITH EMBOFF DURING  
CHANCE MEETING APRIL 21, FIGUERES COMPLAINED OF PRESS  
EXAGGERATION, BUT DID NOT DENY HE SAID WHAT WAS WRITTEN.  
FIGUERES ALSO SAID THAT MONGE, A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE,  
HAD TO DENY THE CHARGE AGAINST HIM, AND THAT AT ANY RATE,  
MONGE DID NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS SORT OF THING WHEN  
IT WAS GOING ON. FIGUERES ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY, ONCE MORE  
TO LAUD HIS PAST RELATIONSHIPS WITH CIA, AND TO EMPHASIZE THAT  
HE WOULD NOT CRITICIZE SUCH A VALUABLE USG ENTITY WHICH HAD HELPED  
HIM IN THE PAST WHEN HE NEEDED IT.  
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